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**RE: ACL Complaint R7-2014-0041, National Beef California, LP**

On behalf of the Family Treehouse and as a children's health advocate, I write to urge the State Water Resources Control Board to prosecute the referenced National Beef administrative civil liability complaint under Water Code Sections 183, 13320 and other applicable laws as the Colorado River Basin Regional Board has requested. We have long been concerned about water and air quality that result of National Beef operations. We feel their negligence has significantly impacted Imperial Valley families especially to those who reside in Brawley both financially and socially. We have also been concerned about the contamination of the water supply either through direct discharge or through dilution methods compromising public health and safety.

As a committed partner of Comite Civico del Valle and a staunch supporter of their tireless efforts to improve public health in the County of Imperial, the Family Treehouse declares it imperative that the above mentioned complaint be given considerable contemplation and not be allowed to escape enforcement.

In addition, we are in full agreement that any punitive damages awarded should go to direct efforts to this disadvantaged community that result in improving water quality and increasing access to water resources to families in Imperial County.

Sincerely,

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Founder/Director